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Maryland's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Cost-Share Benefits and Practice Incentive Payments

Financial assistance to install best management practices on farmland enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is available through the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Eligible landowners may receive up to 87.5 percent of the cost to install buffers, fencing, stream crossings, wetlands and a variety of other streamside conservation practices on enrolled lands. In addition, certain best management practices may qualify for a one-time USDA Practice Incentive Payment (PIP) worth 40 percent of the eligible practice costs. Free technical assistance to install best management practices is available from the local soil conservation district and landowners are responsible for any uncovered installation costs. Please refer to the chart for maximum cost-share rates and qualifying PIP practices.

Maryland CREP is a voluntary initiative that pays landowners a one-time signing bonus of up to \$150 an acre along with attractive annual rental rates and incentive payments to take environmentally-sensitive cropland out of production for 10-15 years and plant vegetative buffers, create wildlife habitat or establish wetlands to protect local streams. In certain instances, landowners have the option of selling a permanent easement on their land to the State of Maryland.

How to Enroll

Sign-up for Maryland CREP is ongoing and continues through December 31, 2007 or until acreage goals are met, whichever comes first.

For more information on CREP, please call or visit your local soil conservation district or USDA Service Center. A telephone directory is located on the back of this fact sheet.

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Best Management Practice	Cost-Share Rate	Eligible for Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)
Habitat for Declining Species	Up to 50%	No
Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer	Up to 87.5%	Yes
Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer	Up to 87.5%	Yes
Retirement of Highly Erodible Land Adjacent to Waterways	Up to 87.5%	No
Riparian Forest Buffers	Up to 87.5%	Yes
Shallow Water Areas for Wildlife	Up to 50%	Yes
Stream Fencing	Up to 87.5%	No
Stream Crossings	Up to 87.5%	No
Vegetative Buffers	Up to 87.5%	Yes
Watering Troughs	Up to 87.5 %	No
Wetlands Restoration	Up to 75%	No

* Cost-share rates are maximums. Flat rates for practice components also apply. Certain conditions may apply. Other financial assistance programs may be available through the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Forestry Division and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.





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Absolutely the Best Environmental Incentive Program Available to Maryland Farmers

For More Information

Contact your local soil conservation district or USDA Service Center for complete details on cost-share financing available through the Maryland Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Participating agencies include the Maryland Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Soil Conservation Districts, and USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Soil Conservation Districts

Allegany	(301) 777-1747, ext. 4
Anne Arundel	(410) 222-7822
Baltimore County	(410) 666-1188, ext. 3
Calvert	(410) 535-1521, ext. 3
Caroline	(410) 479-1202, ext. 3
Carroll	(410) 848-8200, ext. 3
Catoctin	(301) 695-2803, ext. 3
Cecil	(410) 398-4411, ext. 3
Charles	(301) 934-9588, ext. 3
Dorchester	(410) 228-5640, ext. 3
Frederick	(301) 695-2803, ext. 3
Garrett	(301) 334-6951
Harford	(410) 838-6181, ext. 3
Howard	(410) 489-7987
Kent	(410) 778-5150, ext. 3
Montgomery	(301) 590-2855
Prince George's	(301) 574-5162, ext. 3
Queen Anne's	(410) 758-3136, ext. 3
St. Mary's	(301) 475-8402
Somerset	(410) 651-1575, ext. 3
Talbot	(410) 822-1577, ext. 3
Washington	(301) 797-6821, ext. 3
Wicomico	(410) 546-4777, ext. 3
Worcester	(410) 632-5439, ext. 3

USDA Service Centers

Allegany	(301) 777-1536, ext. 2
Anne Arundel	(301) 574-5162, ext. 2
Baltimore County	(410) 666-1188, ext. 2
Calvert	(410) 535-1790, ext. 2
Caroline	(410) 479-1202, ext. 2
Carroll	(410) 848-2780, ext. 2
Cecil	(410) 398-4411, ext. 2
Charles	(301) 934-9588, ext. 2
Dorchester	(410) 228-5640, ext. 2
Frederick	(301) 662-1321, ext. 2
Garrett	(301) 334-6950, ext. 2
Harford	(410) 838-3950, ext. 2
Howard	(410) 465-3470
Kent	(410) 778-5353, ext. 2
Montgomery	(301) 590-2846
Prince George's	(301) 574-5162, ext. 2
Queen Anne's	(410) 758-1380, ext. 2
St. Mary's	(301) 475-8431
Somerset	(410) 651-0370, ext. 2
Talbot	(410) 822-1344, ext. 2
Washington	(301) 797-0500, ext. 2
Wicomico	(410) 546-4777, ext. 2
Worcester	(410) 632-2464, ext. 2

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